Focusing Investments in Emerging Movements
and a Longstanding Commitment to Women’s Socioeconomic, Gender and Racial
to 175 Organizations

New Philanthropic Partnerships Focus on the Me Too Movement and Dismantling Mass
Incarceration in NYC

New York (March 11, 2019) – Continuing to urgently respond to and invest in the needs of
women leading movements and community solutions that confront economic, gender and racial
injustice, The New York Women’s Foundation (The Foundation) announced a record high of
more than $11 million in grants for 2018. Grants were made to 175 community organizations
working to advance women’s economic security, increase political leadership and civic
participation, disrupt and prevent gender-based violence, and protect access to healthcare and
sexual and reproductive justice.

“These extraordinarily demanding times call for increased responsiveness, investment, and
collaboration from philanthropy. We have an opportunity to work together to leverage our
resources strategically and effectively,” said Ana Oliveira, The New York Women’s
Foundation’s President and CEO. “Our 2018 grantmaking expresses The Foundation’s
increased response to the needs of historically underinvested communities most impacted by
poverty and violence, particularly through building upon our philanthropic partnerships to
maximize impact.”

In 2018, The Foundation built on its philanthropic partnerships, seizing local and national
opportunities to accelerate change. (The philanthropic partners of each fund can be viewed
here.)

The NYC Fund for Girls and Young Women of Color continued to support organizations
working to address root causes of inequity for girls and young women of color and invested in
organizations advancing housing justice, education access, and TGNC rights.

The Fund for the Me Too Movement and Allies, created in 2018 in partnership with Tarana
Burke, founder of the ‘me. too.’ Movement, supported survivor-led organizations from around
the nation working to deter sexual harassment, heal survivors of gender-based violence, and
strengthen marginalized communities impacted by sexual abuse.

Launched in 2018, the Justice Fund introduces a family-centered paradigm to actively
dismantle mass incarceration in New York City and supports organizations that create new
paths for stability in the lives of New York City women, families, and communities. Its grants
focused on key issues including closing the Rose M. Singer Center on Rikers Island and bail
reform.

During a time when it is vitally important to maximize civic engagement and protect democracy,
The Foundation’s Resilience NYC initiative invested in organizations that support women’s civic
participation, political leadership and influence in public life, and work with women and families
directly impacted by changes in federal policies that target immigrant communities and trans and gender non-conforming individuals.

Since 1987, The New York Women's Foundation has distributed over $77 million to over 400 organizations fighting for economic, gender, and racial justice for women and families in New York City and beyond.

A complete list of The New York Women's Foundation 2018 grantee partners can be viewed here.

About The New York Women's Foundation
Since 1987, The New York Women's Foundation has advanced a dynamic philanthropic strategy based on the fundamental reality that, when women thrive, their families and communities also thrive. The Foundation's grantmaking places it at the top of public women's foundations in the United States, and in the top two in the world. We invest in women-led, community-based solutions that promote the economic security, safety, and health of the most vulnerable women in New York City. We foster women's leadership, create partnerships that spark catalytic change, exchange insights with experts across sectors, and empower women by training them in activism and philanthropy to accelerate and sustain forward progress. Visit http://www.nywf.org to learn more about our work to transform lives, families, and communities – and create a better New York City for all.

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